

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **October 10, 2006**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 8

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Transportation Enhancement Grant- Main Street Streetscape Plan**

RECOMMENDATION: After a public hearing, adopt a resolution in support of the resubmittal of a Transportation Enhancement Grant (SAFETEA-LU, formerly TEA-21) application by Lynch's Landing for the planning and implementation of the Main Street Streetscape Plan Demonstration Project with the City of Lynchburg as the supporting sponsor.

SUMMARY: Lynch's Landing intends to resubmit an application for a Transportation Enhancement Grant (TEA-21) to assist with funding a demonstration project for the implementation of the Main Street Streetscape Plan. This grant application is supported by the work of the Lynch's Landing Board of Directors and Design Infrastructure Committee. Lynch's Landing contracted with the landscape architecture firm of Land Planning & Design Associates to develop a Main Street Streetscape Plan. Lynch's Landing would now like to implement a demonstration block near the intersection of Main and Commerce. Lynch's Landing has begun Phase I of this project to include benches, trash cans, trees, plantings, and wrought-iron fencing. The purpose of this application is to continue the improvements to include sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, intersection treatments, authentic street lighting, trees and plantings. We believe that this intersection is a critical gateway to Downtown Lynchburg. The investment in improvements at this location is strategic because of the amount of private and public investment going on within walking distance of the intersection. BluffWalk Hotel, the City Market Lofts, and possible improvements in the near future to the Community Market and enhanced parking facilities at this entrance to Downtown contribute to the strategic importance of enhancing this gateway. The planned improvements will enhance pedestrian access and provide a clear indication to visitors that they are entering a vibrant historic Downtown environment.

The demonstration project is part of a multi-year phased approach to improving the streetscape on Main Street from Route 29 to 5th Street. Future year improvements would be based on available funding.

The total estimated budget for the demonstration project is \$300,000. This grant requires a 20% match of \$60,000. The match is being provided by Lynch's Landing.

PRIOR ACTION(S): September 5, 2006 Finance Committee

FISCAL IMPACT: None

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ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in accordance with Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by resolution be received from the local government or state agency in order that the Virginia Department of Transportation program an enhancement project in the City of Lynchburg,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lynchburg endorses Lynch's Landing as an applicant for TEA-21 funds and requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a project for the improvement of Main Street,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lynch's Landing hereby agrees to pay a minimum 20% of the total cost for the final planning and design, right of way, and construction of this project, and that, if the Lynch's Landing subsequently elects to cancel this project the Lynch's Landing hereby agrees to reimburse the Virginia Department of Transportation for the total amount of costs expended by the Department through the date the Department is notified of such cancellation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to sign the necessary documents for this project.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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